1: Holmberg--86 [2] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 753, 774, 828

"In a confused sense there is also a belief that disease is caused by the absence of soul. A person's soul may leave his body while he is dreaming, and if it does much wandering during the night, he is apt to be tired and ill the following day. Informants frequently told me that they were ill because their souls had been 'hunting' or 'walking' the night before."

1: Holmberg--90 [3] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 774

"The core of Siriono religious belief is centered in the fear of animistic spirits. The universe is thought to be peopled with detached evil spirits called abačikwaia, which are responsible for most of the misfortunes that befall the human race. Thus cold south winds, accidents, illnesses, bad luck, deaths, etc., are ascribed to the intervention of abačikwaia. These spirits are invisible and formless, little can be done to control them, and they are neither worshiped nor propitiated in any way. They can best be avoided by adhering to the traditional customs of the band."

1: Holmberg--91 [4] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 774

"Ideas about the soul among the Siriono are confused and vague. When questioned about such matters, informants displayed a singular apathy for discussing them. Whether such attitudes spring from a lack of ideas, from a fear of the dead, or from some other reason, I was never able to determine. Some Indians said that the soul resides in the head; others, that it resides in the heart; still others, that they did not know."